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A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated February 26, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on August 26, 2003, with a three-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: